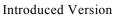
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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by:	Lawson L,	Orentlicher

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps in Europe.

Whereas, 2005 marks the 60th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust, which was ruthlessly and tragically carried out by Nazi Germany under the leadership of Adolph Hitler;

Whereas, The Holocaust, a Greek word meaning sacrifice by fire, was the systematic murder of millions of innocent Jewish men, women, and children along with millions of others;

Whereas, An enormity of suffering was inflicted on Holocaust victims through mistreatment, brutalization, violence, torture, slave labor, highly questionable medical experimentation, death marches, and numerous other acts of

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cruelty that are known as "crimes against humanity";

Whereas, During the past 60 years, the Holocaust has provided the people of the world with a lesson in the importance of compassion; caring; kindness; an awareness of the dangers inherent in bigotry, racism, intolerance, and prejudice; and an understanding of the importance of appreciating diversity; and

Whereas, In a world where bigotry and intolerance still exist, it is more necessary than ever to communicate that hatred is a destructive force and that prejudice can lead to evil: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana House of Representatives hereby resolve to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Holocaust by designating May 6, 2005, as Holocaust Commemoration Day in the state of Indiana and encourage the state's citizens to commemorate the occasion through acts of compassionate caring and reflection on the terrible consequences and lessons of the Holocaust.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana.

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